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# H. R. 6711

To provide for increased funding for veterans health care for fiscal year 2009 by transferring amounts from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Community  
5 Health Enhancement Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**  
2 **CARE FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR**  
3 **THE HUMANITIES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Immediately upon enactment of  
5 any law making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 that  
6 appropriates or otherwise makes available any funds for  
7 the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Sec-  
8 retary of the Treasury shall (subject to subsection (b))  
9 transfer to the “Medical Services” appropriation account  
10 of the Department of Veterans Affairs all amounts that  
11 are appropriated or otherwise made available under that  
12 law for the National Endowment for the Humanities.  
13 Amounts so transferred shall be merged with and shall  
14 be available for the same period as the appropriation ac-  
15 count to which transferred and shall be available only for  
16 enhancement of services at community-based outpatient  
17 clinics.

18 (b) AUTHORITY TO WIND UP AFFAIRS OF NATIONAL  
19 ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.—The Secretary of  
20 the Treasury may exempt from the requirement of sub-  
21 section (a), for a period not to exceed 60 days, such  
22 amounts as the Secretary determines to be necessary to  
23 wind up the affairs of the National Endowment for the  
24 Humanities, and amounts so exempted shall be available,  
25 during such period, only for such purpose.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**  
2 **CARE FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR**  
3 **THE ARTS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Immediately upon enactment of  
5 any law making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 that  
6 appropriates or otherwise makes available any funds for  
7 the National Endowment for the Arts, the Secretary of  
8 the Treasury shall (subject to subsection (b)) transfer to  
9 the “Medical Services” appropriation account of the De-  
10 partment of Veterans Affairs all amounts that are appro-  
11 priated or otherwise made available under that law for the  
12 National Endowment for the Arts. Amounts so transferred  
13 shall be merged with and shall be available for the same  
14 period as the appropriation account to which transferred  
15 and shall be available only for enhancement of services at  
16 community-based outpatient clinics.

17 (b) AUTHORITY TO WIND UP AFFAIRS OF NATIONAL  
18 ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.—The Secretary of the  
19 Treasury may exempt from the requirement of subsection  
20 (a), for a period not to exceed 60 days, such amounts as  
21 the Secretary determines to be necessary to wind up the  
22 affairs of the National Endowment for the Arts, and  
23 amounts so exempted shall be available, during such pe-  
24 riod, only for such purpose.

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